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SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY. THIRTY-EIGHT ISLAMIC COUNTRIES PLAN TO ATTEND TRIPOLI CONFERENCE. TENTATIVE AGENDA INDICATES DISCUSSION OF PALESTINIANS, JERUSALEM, PHILIPPINE MOSLEMS, UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, DEMILITARIZED ZONES IN AFRICA, INDIAN OCEAN, RHODESIA AND NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. END SUMMARY.

1. MAY 15 LOCAL PRESS EVEN OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE INDICATES THAT 38 FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE HOSTED BY LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. PRESS REPORTS SYRIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABDUL HALEEM KHADDAM AND TUNISIAN FONMIN HABIB ASHATTI HAVE CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION. EGYPT, SUDAN AND IRAN REPORTEDLY ARE THE ONLY ISLAMIC COUNTRIES NOT ATTENDING. AMONGST LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO OBSERVE THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE FATANI LIBERATIONMOVEMENT OF THAILAND. ITS DELEGATION ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 13. IN AN AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT FATANI SPOKESMAN PRAISED LIBYA FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"PROTECTION OF ISLAM IN THAT AREA."

2. CONFERENCE AGENDA. PRESS INDICATES THAT CONFERENCE AGENDA WILL COVER 61 ITEMS, INCLUDING ISSUES OF PALESTINE, REPORT OF THE ISLAMIC COMMITTEE ON JERUSALEM AND CREATION OF SPECIAL FUND FOR THEHOLY CITY, ISSUE OF MUSLIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND ISLAMIC MINORITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, NUCLEAR ARMS FREE ZONES IN AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA AND THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE AGENDA COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY ALSO ADDED TO THE DISCUSSION THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO REMOVE THE SECURITY COUNCIL RIGHT OF VETO. THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED DISCUSSION OF INTRODUCING SEVERAL ISSUES INTO THE 32ND UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA. THESE ISSUES INCLUDE IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND THE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WWII MINES IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED DISCUSSION OF THE EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. PRESS REPORTS OF COMMENTS MADE BY TURKISH FONMIN OFFICIAL
SUKRU ELEKDAG UPON ARRIVAL MAY 12 SUGGEST CONFERENCE
WILL DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
ELEKDAG REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC
ORDER CONTINUES TO INCREASE THE INFLUENCE OF DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE BUT A MINORITY, TO THE DETRIMENT
OF THE MAJORITY OF NON-INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. THE
TURKISH OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT "ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION
CONTINUE TO BE THREATENED BY FORCES ENVIOUS OF IT AND INTERESTED
IN SOWING DISSENTION IN OUR RANKS." ARRIVAL STATEMENT
OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE KARIM
GAYE ALSO INDICATE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL
DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS OF PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS AND "TAKE
NECESSARY DECISIONS" ON THIS ISSUE.
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